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ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the area of railway land that has been encroached in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when this land has been encroached upon; and

(c) the steps being taken to clear the encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) About 40 hectares.

(b) There are about 27,000 encroachments on railway land in Delhi. These encroachments have come up over various years.

(c) Various steps have been taken for removal of encroachments, which also include action under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. In the National Capital Territory of Delhi, railways have agreed to bear part cost of relocation of Pre-1998 encroachers located on Railway land in 'Safety Zone' and on land required for execution of sanctioned projects, as per the Resettlement & Rehabilitation policy of Delhi Government, which has the approval of the Ministry of Urban Development. Northern Railway have deposited over Rs. 11 crores with the Govt. of Delhi on this account, for relocating 'Jhuggies / Jhopries', to get encroachments removed from railway land. Regular chasing and meetings are done by railway officials with Delhi Govt. officials. All efforts are made by railway towards proper co-ordination with the Govt. of Delhi including seeking assistance of local police as eviction of encroachers can lead to Law and Order problems.